

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-27 allowed.

The closest relevant art is Sepke (5,461,751) wherein Sepke discloses a vacuum cleaner bag (32) comprising of an air permeable filter material (Abstract, col. 2, lines 11-12 and lines 26-34) having materials such as flakes or chips (30) which can be whirled up under an air flow (col. 2, lines 16-25).

Claims 1-27 of this instant patent application differ from the disclosure of Sepke in that the vacuum cleaner bag comprising an air permeable filter material disposed inside the vacuum cleaner bag wherein the bag includes per 1000 cm<sup>3</sup> volume, between 1 and 30 g of the material which is whirled up under an air flow, the material being whirled up having a volume per mass unit between 5 cm<sup>3</sup>/g to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>/g, and wherein the material being whirled up is kept in circulation under the air flow in an operating state to bind sucked-in dust already in the vacuum cleaner bag.

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